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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

Applicant herewith replies to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Paper  
5 mailed 7 December 2006, to which a reply is due by 7 January 2007. Because 7  
January 2007 is a Sunday, this reply is due the next business day, Monday, 8 January  
2007, therefore, this reply is being timely filed, and no extension fees are due.

Prior to the examination of this application ,please amend the claims as follows